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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This Amendment and Response to Office Action filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is responsive to the Office Action dated May 28, 2009, issued regarding the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.